

***Ptilotus exiliflorus*, a new name for
Ptilotus parviflorus (Benth.) R.W.Davis (Amaranthaceae)**

In a recent short communication (Davis 2011), *Ptilotus humilis* (Nees) F.Muell. var. *parviflorus* Benth. was raised to species rank as *P. parviflorus* (Benth.) R.W.Davis. Unfortunately, this species name is preoccupied by *P. parviflorus* (Lindl.) F.Muell. (= *P. obovatus* (Gaudich.) F.Muell.) rendering *P. parviflorus* (Benth.) R.W.Davis illegitimate under the *International Code of Botanical Nomenclature* (McNeill *et al.* 2006). A new name, *P. exiliflorus* R.W.Davis, is therefore provided for this taxon. The new epithet is derived from the Latin *exilis* (-slender) and *floris* (-flower) in reference to its narrower inflorescence, which separates it from the morphologically similar species *P. humilis* (Nees) F.Muell.

Taxonomy

Ptilotus exiliflorus* R.W.Davis., *nom. nov.

Ptilotus humilis (Nees) F.Muell. var. *parviflorus* Benth., *Fl. Austral.* 5: 245 (1870). *Ptilotus parviflorus* (Benth.) R.W.Davis, *Nuytsia* 21: 150–151 (2011), *nom. illeg.* non Mueller (1882). *Type*: S.W. Australia, 1860, *Mr Burgess s.n.* (*holo*: K 000356830, image seen).

Ptilotus humilis (Nees) F.Muell. subsp. *parviflorus* (Benth.) Benl ms, *nom. inval.*

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